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For: A PIPE OR THE LIKE, A FEMALE END RING, AND A METHOD OF

MANUFACTURING SUCH A PIPE OR THE LIKE

## DECLARATION

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None

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None.

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